

BRIDGES ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI AND OHIO RIVERS
NEAR CAIRO, ILL.

FEBRUARY 2, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. DENISON, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11668]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11668) granting the consent of Congress to the States of Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky to construct, maintain, and operate bridges over the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers at or near Cairo, Ill., and for other purposes, having considered the same, report thereon with amendment and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

Amend the bill as follows:

Line 5, page 1, after the word "operate," insert the word "two."

Line 5, page 1, after the word "thereto," insert a comma and the following: "one of said bridges to cross the Mississippi River and the other of said bridges to cross the Ohio River;" strike out the last two words in the line.

Line 6, page 1, strike out the first four words in the line and insert in lieu thereof the following: "at points suitable to the interests of navigation."

Line 8, page 1, change the period at the end of the line to a comma and add the following: "and in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled, 'An act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters,' approved March 23, 1906."

Add another section to the bill, reading as follows:

Sec. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 26, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, H. R. 11668, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, granting consent of Congress to the States of Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky to construct, maintain, and operate bridges over the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers at or near Cairo, Ill., and for other purposes, if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of bridges thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, January 23, 1925.

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 16 inclosing a copy of H. R. 11668 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the States of Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky to construct, maintain, and operate bridges and approaches thereto across the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers at or near Cairo, Ill., as a link in existing or projected interstate highways built as part of the Federal-aid highway systems approved for these States. The Federal-aid highway systems approved for the States of Missouri and Kentucky traverse the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, respectively, opposite Cairo, and the system approved for the State of Illinois extends to the city of Cairo as a terminal point thereon. A bridge or bridges at the point indicated, therefore, would serve to tie up the Federal-aid systems of these three States at this point and would undoubtedly facilitate in a great measure traffic in the immediate vicinity and beyond. From the standpoint of this department, therefore, favorable action upon the bill is recommended.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*